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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE	1		TOWN OR VI	CINITY
PENNSYLVANIA			PHILADELPHIA	
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SDURCE FOR NAME)			HABS NO.	
PENNSYLVANIA HOSPITAL				PA-1123
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE				
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES)				
Eighth and Ninth, Pine and Spruce Streets				
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE)				
East wing 1755-57; west wing 1794-96;		East wing, Samuel Rhoads, architect; west wing		
center section 1794-1805	and center section, David Evans, Jr., architect			
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE)				
Founded in 1751 by Benjamin Franklin and Dr. Thomas Bond, Pennsylvania Hospital is the				
earliest established hospital in the United States with the country's oldest surgical				
amphitheater. It is a notable architectural complex whose center building is an outstanding example of American Adamesque architecture and whose plan influenced later hospital design.				
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE)				
Adamesque				
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS)				
Load bearing brick walls with granite and marble trim.				
HAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE)				
Center building with flanking wings, 285' x 110' overall; central- hall plan with offices				
and library in center section and wards in wings. EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE Two-and-a-half and three stories on raised basement; hipped roof				
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE Two-and-a-half and three stories on raised basement; hipped roof with circular balustraded skylight on octagonal base on center section; gable and hipped roofs with octagonal cupolas on wings; marble ground story and six giant pilasters at second and third stories of center section; round arch entrance with fanlight and modified Corinthian frontispiece in center section.				
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NDT SKETCHED)				
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES				
West wing altered 1846-47, center section altered 1848, east wing altered 1853;				
John McArthur, contractor and John McArthur, Jr., superintendent. East and west wings				
altered 1896, Addison Hutton, architect.				
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE		* Wi	lliam Henry	Williams, America's
First Hospital: The Pennsylva				
		 -		1-1841 (Newark, Del.:
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE University of Delaware Press, 1976)				
Certified, Philadelphia Historical Commission, 1956.				
Designated National Historic Landmark, 1965.				
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.)				
ichard M. Candee, Philadelphia Hospital Design 1754-1844 (unpublished paper with				
bibliography; copy filed with Field Records)				
Insurance Surveys, various dates (copies filed with Field Records) (See * above)				
COMPILER, AFFILIATION				DATE
Richard J. Webster, author of Philadelphia Preserved				c. 1976

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